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views; it deals with one aspect of his doctrine, his ecclesiology, and this only in so far as it relates to the history of the ancient ideas and institutions of Catholicism.

Rationalistic critics like A. Harnack love to repeat that St. Augustine is "the father of Roman Catholicism." Msgr. Batiffol aims at proving that he is rather its son, but a son who has admired, served and loved Catholicism with a measure of belief and affection never since surpassed.

The author needs no introduction to Catholic scholars. A new work from his pen has always proved a treat for both amateurs and adepts in Catholic ecclesiastical learning. The present volume is no exception to the rule.

S. A. R.

With Lafayette in America, by Octavia Roberts. New York and Boston: The Houghton Mifflin Company, 1919. Pp. 294.

As the lure of liberty brought the young Marquis to America in the eighteenth century, so too, the magical name of Lafayette played its part in bringing America to Europe in the twentieth. Under such conditions there was to be expected an abundance of post-bellum literature bearing upon him.

With Lafayette in America is not a book of battles or military tactics. It is, however, a highlight on some of the most tender associations of the Marquis' presence on our soil. The volume opens with his unceremonious advent to our shores, the jealousy and misunderstanding he naturally engendered here under the conditions of the time, the strange and unexpected confidence Washington immediately placed in the young man, the loyalty of the one to the other. It passes rapidly through the campaigns of the war, and closes with the battle-scarred veteran's visit, as the nation's guest, to the tomb of the "Father of His Country" and the gorgeous receptions in New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

The portrait of the soldier on the battle field is not overdrawn—to the detriment of the father and husband of the home. To offset any charge of unfairness toward his young family in leaving them, as he did, so abruptly, the paternal and marital heart of the Marquis is frequently and eloquently reflected

in the many and tenderly-worded letters which he writes to his wife and newly-born child. This is a touch of the human—and sublime. As a whole, the work, while not critical; furnishes patriotic reading and wholesome literature for the American fireside.

E. J. M.

The True Lafayette, by George Morgan, Philadelphia and London: The J. B. Lippincott Company, 1919. Pp. 489.

To attempt a critical biography of the multitudinous activities and constantly shifting background of "the Man of Two Worlds" within the covers of a single volume is indeed a serious undertaking. Yet Mr. Morgan has accomplished it—and successfully so, we believe—within the compass of his closely printed and generously illustrated addition to the Lippincott Company's "true" biographies. The work is a storehouse of facts and frequent references, though the thread of the story does not suffer any more than the recital of the diversified career of such a man of action must needs be. The life itself was a veritable kaleidoscope of swiftly moving events—now on land, and now on sea; now in the uniform of an American rebel or foreign soil, now a defender of Marie Antoinette in the colors of his native land; now a languisher in dungeon depths, now again the jubilantly fêted guest of the nation.

The author has covered all this ground, at least in a manner sufficient to satisfy the popular taste, while leaving the reader ample time in which to moralize and draw his conclusions from the lessons of the past.

He has collected a wealth of material on this impetuous lover of liberty without theorizing upon the many phases of his character. Even the questionable conduct of his hero in deserting his army at the Belgium frontier, rather than meet his newly-born enemies at Paris, is faithfully told with true historical accuracy.

The book has, incidentally, done the American people a lasting favor in making certain, and fixing for all time the exact words used by General Pershing as he stood over the grave of the former companion and personal friend of Washington, in